

The Northmen appeared in Paris. They destroyed many fine buildings and the structures left standing were redeemed by heavy contributions to the enemy.

856-
d. 860

AETHEL BALD

King of Wessex, son of AETHELWULF

During his father's pilgrimage to Rome (855-856) Athelbald ruled. In 856 he led a group who refused to receive Athelwulf as king. Athelwulf left Wessex to his son & resumed his reign over Kent, Surrey, Sussex & Essex. After Athelwulf's death in 858, Athelbald married his father's widow, Judith

of France.

At his death Rethelwald was
succeeded by his brother Rethelbert